

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE relating to the state-mandated adoption of the 2003 International Fire Code, and amending Clark County Code Chapter 15.13, currently entitled “Wildland Urban Interface/Intermix Ordinance.”

WHEREAS, on November 21, 2003, The Washington State Legislature adopted the 2003 International Fire Code, with certain revisions, repealing chapter 51-44 and 51-45 WAC and adopting chapter 51-54 WAC; and

WHEREAS, the state-mandated revisions called for local jurisdictions to adopt the minimum standards set by that uniform code on or before July 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the changes proposed affect the provisions of Clark County’s Wildland Urban Interface/Intermix Ordinance, and Fire Marshall has forwarded his recommendations for the implementation of certain additions and amendments to the provisions of that code to the Board of County Commissioners and the Board has considered those recommendations; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Clark County Commissioners deems it an essential government function to adopt and establish such standards and procedures to preserve the life, safety, health, and welfare of its citizens; now, therefore:

BE IT ORDERED AND RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CLARK COUNTY, STATE OF WASHINGTON, as follows:

Section 1. Amendment. CCC 15.13.050 is hereby amended as follows:

15.13.050 General requirements.

(1) Development and construction shall be designed, located and constructed to minimize the possibility of wildland fires involving structures and structural fires involving wildlands. NFPA ~~1144~~ 299, Protection of Life and Property from Wildfire, as amended, will be used in approving any application. In addition to the requirements of this document, provisions of other codes, ordinances and standards adopted by Clark County shall be enforced as applicable.

(2) All conditions of approval, necessary to comply with the provisions of this chapter, shall be recorded on the final plat, binding site plan or attached to the building permits or other approvals for development or construction.

Section 2. Amendment. CCC 15.13.060 is hereby amended as follows:

15.13.060 Access.

(1) Generally. In addition to the requirements of ~~Section 503 Article 10 Division II~~ of the ~~International Uniform~~ Fire Code, and any other applicable standards, fire department access shall be provided in accordance with this section.

(2) Specific Requirements.

(a) Newly constructed, extended or modified fire apparatus access roads shall be provided with approved turnarounds at intervals not to exceed one thousand (1,000) feet. Approved turnarounds may include cul-de-sacs or circles of at least ninety (90) feet in diameter, which may include the width of the roadway, intersecting fire apparatus access roads, or other arrangements which are approved by the fire marshal.

(b) Private driveways in excess of one hundred fifty (150) feet in length shall be constructed and maintained in accordance with the following:

(i) A minimum width of at least twelve (12) feet of clear, unobstructed all weather driving surface;

(ii) An overhead clearance of at least thirteen (13) feet six (6) inches;

(iii) Extended to within fifty (50) feet of all buildings or structures that require building permits where fire department access is not otherwise required.

(c) Private driveways in excess of three hundred (300) feet in length shall be provided with an approved turnaround at the terminus and at intervals five hundred (500) feet or less, such that no portion of the road or driveway is in excess of three hundred (300) feet from an approved turnaround or turnout. Turnarounds meeting the requirements of subsection (2)(a) of this section are authorized.

(d) Bridges connecting driveways shall be constructed in compliance with the Uniform Building Code and shall use designed live loading sufficient to carry the imposed loads of fire apparatus.

///

///

///

///

///

///

///

Section 3. Effective Date. The effective date of the ordinance shall be July 1, 2004.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2004.

Attest:

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Clerk to the Board

By _____
Betty Sue Morris, Chair

Approved as to Form Only:
ARTHUR D. CURTIS
Prosecuting Attorney

By _____
Judie Stanton, Commissioner

By _____
Lori L. Volkman
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

By _____
Craig Pridemore, Commissioner